

## REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 62-77 remain pending. By this communication, no claims are amended, added, or canceled.

### Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

#### Claims 62-69 - Dolan/DeRose

Claims 62-69 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for alleged unpatentability over *Dolan et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,963,208, hereinafter *Dolan*) in view of *DeRose et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,055,544, hereinafter *DeRose*). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

*Dolan* is directed to a multi-protocol network client in which a single, integrated user-interface is provided for accessing information according to a number of network access protocols. In the system of *Dolan*, a user navigates through information items accessible through a computer network according to any of two or more network access protocols by selecting icons of a hierarchical navigation graph 106 displayed on a computer display screen. *Dolan*, col. 4, lines 62-66 and Figures 1-2. Selection by the user of a link displayed in a view window generates a command to retrieve the item referenced by the selected link. A command parser 402 retrieves from a navigation graph manager 412 a universal resource name (URN) from the link record representing the identified link. The command parser 402 then supplies the URN retrieved from the navigation file to a network manager 404 which retrieves the identified item. *Id.*, col. 9, lines 56-66 and Figure 4.

If the network manager 404 determines that the requested item is successfully retrieved, the network manager 404 supplies the requested item to one of a number

of filters 410A-E. Each of the filters 410A-E parses items retrieved through the computer network according to a respective, corresponding network access protocol. For example, filters 410A-E parse items according to the hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) for transferring HTML documents, the file transfer protocol (FTP) for transferring files, the Gopher network access protocol for accessing files organized according to a menu structure, etc., respectively. Each of the filters 410A-E parses from items links to other items and communicates those links to the navigation graph manager 412 and transfers the parsed items to a view/cache manager 406. *Id.*, col. 10, lines 1-17. The view/cache manager 406 receives from one of the filters 410A-E the parsed items and stores the item in item cache and sends the parsed item to a display manager 408. The display manager 408 displays visual components of the substantive information of the requested item in the view window which is displayed in the display device. *Id.*, col. 10, lines 29-37.

As discussed above, *Dolan* discloses retrieving an item (e.g., a HTML document or similar item) from the network, parsing from the item (according to a corresponding network access protocol) links contained within the item, and adding the parsed links to a hierarchical graph. A user can thereafter retrieve an item referenced by a link parsed from the previously retrieved item by selecting from the hierarchical graph a representation of the parsed link. Nowhere in *Dolan* is there disclosed the searching of files in a selected folder such that the files can be identified according to predetermined type. Accordingly, *Dolan* does not disclose at least "**searching each of the files** at a first hierarchical level **in the selected folder** to identify files of a predetermined type" as recited in independent claim 62.

Further, the Office appears to equate "metatags" to "links" (See Office Action, pg. 3). However, metatags are not equivalent to links. Metatags are HTML or XHTML elements used to provide structured data about a web page. They are information inserted into the "head" area of the web page. Other than the title tag, information in the head area of the web page is not seen by those viewing the pages in browsers (See Wikipedia, at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meta\\_tag](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meta_tag)). A link, on the other hand, is a reference, link, or navigation element in a document to another section of the same document or to another document that may be on or part of a (different) domain (See Wikipedia, at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hyperlink>).

Again, *Dolan* discloses retrieving an item referenced by a link parsed from a previously retrieved item by selecting from the hierarchical graph a representation of the parsed link. There is no disclosure of metatags in *Dolan*. Accordingly, it cannot be fairly concluded that *Dolan* discloses "examining each of the identified files to **locate HTML metatags** that pertain to the display of help information." Thus, the features of "**generating an HTML file containing data associated with each of the located metatags**; and **displaying an HTML page in accordance with said generated file** to thereby provide a table of contents for the topic of interest associated with the selected folder" are also not disclosed.

*DeRose* is not purported by the Office to remedy the deficiencies of *Dolan*. Therefore, *Dolan* or *DeRose*, alone or in combination, cannot render independent claim 62 obvious to one skilled in the art. Claims 63-69, dependent from independent claim 62, are patentable at least for the reasons stated above with respect to independent claim 62.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection to claims 62-69 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

**Claim 65 - Dolan/DeRose/Walls**

Claim 65 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for alleged unpatentability over *Dolan* in view of *DeRose*, in further view of *Walls et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,848,410, hereinafter *Walls*). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

As discussed above, *Dolan* or *DeRose*, alone or in combination, fails to disclose or suggest all of the features as recited in claim 62, the independent claim from which rejected claim 65 depends. Further, *Walls* is not purported by the Office to overcome the noted deficiencies of *Dolan* and *DeRose*. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection to claim 65 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

**Claims 70-77 - DeRose/Walls**

Claims 70-77 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for alleged unpatentability over *DeRose* in view of *Walls*. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The Office acknowledges that *DeRose* does not teach "searching each of the files at a first hierarchical level in the selected folder to identify files of a predetermined type" (See Office Action, pgs. 6 and 7-8). However, the Office asserts that *Walls* teaches this feature and that the combination would be obvious. Applicants respectfully disagree.

*Walls* discloses a method for quickly locating a desired document without generating references to undesired documents. The method includes an index generator for continuously scanning HTML tags of files within a file system to form an index for the file system. *Walls*, col. 3, lines 47-62. A file system definer

analyzes the file system to determine the particular type of format in which files in the file system are written. *Id.*, col. 11, lines 62-64. This determination can be achieved by looking for certain file extensions on the files (e.g., .HTML, .HTY, and .TXT) to eliminate those which are irrelevant. *Id.*, col. 12, lines 13-22. Nowhere in *Walls* is there disclosed an indication that the files to be searched are located within a folder associated with a topic of interest that has been selected. In fact, like *DeRose*, *Walls* does not teach the use of folders. Accordingly, it cannot be fairly concluded that *Walls* discloses "means responsive to the selection of a topic of interest for ***searching the files in the folder corresponding to said topic*** to identify files of a predetermined type" as recited in independent claim 70.

Therefore, *DeRose* or *Walls*, alone or in combination, cannot render independent claim 70 obvious to one skilled in the art. Claims 71-77, dependent from independent claim 70, are patentable at least for the reasons stated above with respect to independent claim 70.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection to claims 70-77 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

**Conclusion**

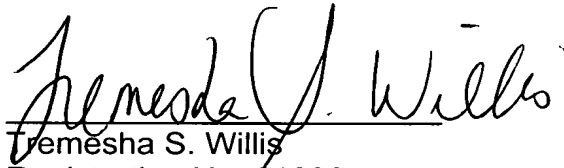
Based on at least the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 62-77 are allowable, and that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request a favorable examination and consideration of the instant application. In the event the instant application can be placed in even better form, Applicants request that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the number below.

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